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It is beginning to look as if it might b as difficult to keep polygamy out of politics in Utah as to keep smallpox out of the bedclothing in a pesthouse. Boil the Mormons!

The German troops in South Africa have been ordered to give no quarter to rebel Hereros, but to shoot them all. The German funny papers are alluding to this as hereroic treatment.

Really, President Smith is not to blame for not being able to give his family birth statistics offhand. Had his better eighth been put on the stand she could have done so without difficulty.

The world knows that there is a far Eastern war, but it does not know much about the results. Between Japanese secretiveness and Russian whitewashed reports the public is left to guess at the truth.

There has been no more singular application of the law of injunction than that which seeks to use it to prevent the State Board of Education from awarding a contract for books in the interest of the peo-

New Hampshire cannot spare the money, and so will not have an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. Russia should send the old Granite State a note of sympathy, as these two will be about the only ones missing.

If Reed Smoot is ousted from a seat in the Senate it will be because of the storm of public censure raised by the defiant attitude of his Mormon friends. Mr. Smoot himself is not a bad sort of man, but he trains in dreadful bad company.

Anti-imperialists in Boston propose furnish bond for the good behavior of Sixto Lopez if he is allowed to return to the Philippines. The trouble is that those antis have such queer ideas as to what constitutes good behavior on the part of a rebel.

Justice has followed pretty swiftly after the arrest of the three "car-barn bandits" in Chicago, but not too swiftly or sternly. The death sentence was richly deserved, and their execution ought to have some in fluence in purifying the atmosphere at Chi-

The law of injunction is that the writ may only issue to prevent the perpetration of a wrong or to preserve property pending litigation. What property rights could a book-publishing firm have in a contract not fet awarded, or what equitable claim have they on the contract?

The assassination of Czar Alexander II of Russia took place twenty-three years ago to-day. He had freed forty millions of serfs, and so done more for his country this meant little to the Nihilists. He was an hereditary ruler, therefore they killed be made productive, a sick person be cured, reads-the separated persons are freed from

Now that it only costs \$16 for a Norwecian to come to America, the population of Wisconsin and Minnesota may expect an unprecedented increase. This country does not get more desirable immigrants than these; it would be a great thing if steamship rates from Southern Europe could be raised correspondingly.

to grant liquor privileges in the Panama lessons. The lectures are free, and a course canal strip, as the laborers of the tropics of six lessons costs only \$5. If her theory all use alcoholic beverages, and it would be is true, and if she can impart even the rudiimpossible to obtain or retain laborers for this class of work if the sale of liquor was ought to be worth millions. Her lectures prohibited. By liquor he meant only beer and light wines. Now look out for a protest from the anti-canteen element. If the laborers are to have beer and wine perhaps the canal had better not be built.

about rations, and that has been settled was one who applied the rich mentality sympathy, and, although on the retired by the correspondents agreeing to supply process. While all the rest were digging, list, he is still subject to orders. An army their own commissariat. As the Japanese | spraying and worrying he sat on the veran- officer has not the same liberty of speech

of a kind that foreigners could not eat, the nuestion of subsistence was a serious one. In a few weeks we shall begin to get some real war correspondence,

TROUBLE IN TWO CHURCHES.

Two recent occurrences in New York city have caused considerable discussion in local church eircles and aroused no little feeling. Singularly enough, the pastors of the two churches were brothers, one a Congregathe cases was stated in a dispatch in the Journal a few days ago as follows:

nembership a man engaged in the liquor ousiness, the Rev. Edwin M. Martin, assisttional Church, Brooklyn, has resigned. He came to the Brooklyn church from Richalso resigned. The cause of the trouble is a wealthy wine merchant. With his family he has attended the church many years and recently he decided to become formally enrolled. When his name was presented there was warm opposition on the part of Mr. Martin, backed by several deaconesses and two deacons, but the merchant was ad-

This case, it will be noticed, resulted in two of the deacons. The pastor, the Rev. the censure and hostility of some of the members. The pastor is said to be a fine preacher and earnest worker, and has built up the church remarkably. The wine merchant had attended the church regularly with his family for several years, and his children attended the Sunday school. He was personally popular and no objection was raised to him until he asked to be taken into the church. His contributions during several years of regular attendance were thankfully received.

The presentation by the pastor of the wine merchant's name for membership precipitated a hot discussion and some tempers were lost. The assistant pastor led the opposition. The pastor vouched for the wine merchant being a good Christian man and that he sold only pure wines. The assistant retorted that men could get drunk as easily on pure wise as they could on impure, to which the pastor replied that he did advocate nor approve of drunkenness under any circumstances. When the vote was taken a majority of the deacons present voted in favor of the applicant, whereupon nine of the opposition deacons left the hall. Probably there will be as much difference of opinion among people in general as to the propriety of admitting a wine merchant to church membership as there was among the officers and members of this church. But one might ask, was it honorable or consistent to accept this man's generous contributions to the church for years and then oppose his becoming member? It is probable, also, that among the wealthy and fashionable members the church there were not a few who drank wine frequently, perhaps regularly, at their homes, and one might ask if it is any worse to sell wine than it is to drink it? case raises nice questions on which casuists might differ.

The other incident occurred in a Methodist | ties. church of which Dr. Charles Kent, brother of Dr. Robert J. Kent, is pastor. This incident consisted in the pastor and many members of the church attending an entertainment given by the wife and daughter of a saloon keeper in rooms over his saloon The saloon keeper is a member of the New York Board of Aldermen and personally is popular and respected. He is not member of the church, but his daughter and sister are, and are active workers. Last fall when he ran for alderman on the Republican ticket the Republican members of the church turned out and worked for him so effectively that he was elected when all the other Republicans on the ticket were defeated. In this case the members of the Epworth League attended in a body the entertainment given by the saloon keeper's wife and daughter, while in the other case the members of the Christian Endeavor Society took sides against admitting the wine merchant to membership in the church.

Perhaps the true rule of conduct in all such cases depends whether more good than harm is likely to come from a certain line of action. If the wine merchant believed in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and could be benefited by becoming a member of the church, why not admit him, and if the alderman-saloon keeper's wife and daughter were consistent Christians why should acceptance of their hospitality be condemned, even though it was dispensed in not judged."

MRS. MILITZ'S DISCOVERY.

A California woman, Mrs. Militz by name, is the originator and expounder of a new theory which, if it can be put in general practice, may produce wonderful results. Briefly, her theory is that miracles can be performed and the operations of nature controlled merely by hard thinking. course, only an expert can do this, and the expert must have acquired what Mrs. Militz calls "the rich mentality." She claims to possess it.

The new cult does not, like some others, deny the existence of disease, pain, physical suffering, etc. It does not attribute these and other evils to imagination. It admits that they are realities, but claims that by the proper exertion of the rich mentality-that is, by hard, concentrated thought-they can be warded off. It is claimed that a sterile piece of ground can a person exposed to disease be rendered immune, the effects of drought or frost avert-

ed, grasshoppers and caterpillars put to flight, all by the exercise of rich mentality. The discoverer of this new process of performing miracles is mainly anxious to do good in the world, but she cannot afford to work for nothing and board herself. Even rich mentality cannot make a living income out of hot air. So Mrs. Militz has Admiral Walker says Congress will have resorted to delivering lectures and giving are calculated to give her hearers a great desire to become possessed of the rich mentality. In one delivered in an Eastern city a few nights ago she told about a cooperative farming scheme in California in which a number of Englishmen each plant-At last it seems a number of foreign cor- ed fifteen acres in potatoes. At first and respondents are to be permitted to join for a while they all did well, but the dry President's recent order enjoining guardthe Japanese army at the front-eight Brit- rot came and blighted them. All the farmish, five Americans, one Frenchman and ers resorted to the usual means of saving one German. The main trouble has been potatoes, but the only one that got a crop | very outspoken in expressing his Japanese

tality to bear on his potato field, and thought and thought. The result was he got a splendid crop.

Another case was that of a gardener in California, whose gooseberries were attacked by army worms just as the crop was nearing maturity. As good luck would have it. Mrs. Militz visited him about that time. He told her of his plight, and she assured him that she could save his gooseberry crop. She told him there was a law tionalist and the other a Methodist. One of of mind by which all evil and destruction could be averted, and if he had no objection she would try it on the army worms. Rather than to countenance in church | He cheerfully consented. She brought her rich mentality to bear, thought hard for ant pastor of the Lewis-avenue Congrega- several hours, and by the next morning every army worm had disappeared from the land Center, Wis., a year ago. Two deacons place. This story is not based on mere

rumor. Mrs. Militz tells it herself. Militz's observation was that of a woman who owned an orange orchard in California. During last winter, when there was danger of a black frost, the woman's neighbors built bonfires in their orchards to keep the frost off, but as there was no man or her place she could not do this. But she Robert J. Kent, favored admitting the wine | had taken some lessons in the rich mentalmerchant to the church, thereby incurring ity theory, and, having faith in it, she stayed at home and thought as hard as she could, sending her mentality out over the orchard all night. Every one of those who built bonfires lost their crops, but that of the woman who practiced rich mentality was uninjured. Mrs. Militz gives other inquite as remarkable as those named.

It is evident the theory-or, as its discoverer calls it, "a law of mind"-possesses the possibilities of great development and wide application. Almost any person would be glad to possess so valuable a secret, and Mrs. Militz's terms for imparting it-only \$5 for a course of six lessons—seem extreme-

A LIMITED DIVORCE SCHEME.

The case of the Indiana woman who asks for a limited divorce, with alimony, presents some novel features. She has been a week for ten years, however, she expresses her willingness to return and remarry him at the end of that time. Whether she thinks the erring man will be sufficiently punished by ten years' separation from her or whether she believes that in a decade she will be so strengthened, physically and mentally, that she will again able to cope with him or to endure his evil temper are matters not made clear. In either case it is evident that she has no doubt of his readiness to return to her when the time limit has expired, else she would stipulate that the alimony continue indefinitely. This shows a sweet and touching matrimonial bonds may feel. Nevertheless, the situation suggests interesting possibili-

It is quite conceivable that the wives are not few who would welcome a period of freedom provided they could be sure of a sufficient weekly stipend to supply their needs; and it is just possible that husbands exist who would not oppose a separation for a period of greater or less duration and who would even willingly contribute the funds necessary for the carrying out of the plan. It is quite probable that most wives making this arrangement for limited divorce would desire the court to forbid the marriage of the husband inside of the specified time; a few might even be willing to bind themselves in a similar way, but the majority would wish to have liberty at least to "look around." Naturally it would not be well to grant inconstant man this liberty, since at the end of the stipulated one, or five, or ten years he might be unwilling of the rich most of the time. either to remarry the wife-on-vacation or

to renew the alimony. These and other little difficulties in the working out of the system will naturally adjust-themselves when the plan of international marriage becomes accepted by society, as no doubt it will when its advantages over the present system of divorce are understood. When a husband and wife get to the point where they rasp each other's nerves to the limit of endurance twenty times a day; when the wife gets tired of housekeeping and wants to board and the husband wishes to remain in his home; when the wife wants to go to the seashore a room over the saloon? These are ques- in summer, to New York in the fall and tions for casuists, but there is good au- | South in the winter; when the husband has thority for saying, "Judge not that ye be business downtown every night of his life; when he finds his wife tiresome and she finds him "cruel"-their official limited separation will serve them well. Then, before they get to the point of being ready to drop poison into each other's coffee is the time for a temporary divorce-with allmony. In the stipulated period of freedom they will have time to restore their nerves to a normal condition, and by taking the remedy before it is too late will be able, by means of the proper perspective, to discover anew each other's virtues so that when the time comes for reunion no fixed aversion will stand in the way. This temporary separation can, of course, be arranged, according to the social custom now prevailing, by mutual agreement and without the intervention of the courts, but an official decree simplifies matters. So much lying is not necessary, for one thing. With the order of court in all the papers-and in these days the divorce list is really a part of the society record, which everybody the necessity of making explanations, of lamely explaining why one continues his stay in Europe so long, of telling why the other's business keeps him so continually on his travels, of putting up the plea of poor health and the need of a change of climate, and so on through the list of conventional fictions that deceive no one. When society accepts the innovation it will simply be understood that the two are simply taking a harmless vacation from each other with nothing remaining to be said. The Indiana woman, should her plea be granted, will enjoy the distinction of having set a new fashion, but if she realizes her respon-

As far as known the only officer of the United States, civil or military, hit by the East is General Joe Wheeler. He has been soldier lives on next to nothing, and that I da and thought. He brought his rich men- in such matters that a private citizen has.

sibility in the matter she will urge upon

her sisters who think of following her ex-

ample the absolute necessity of making sure

of the alimony. Without alimony the plan

will not work.

MINOR TOPICS.

In a recent sympathetic review of the new edition of "Dreamthorp," the Chicago Tribune erroneously attributes Alexander Smith to England. The author of this one charming book of essays-a book to stand on the shelf with the essays of William Hazlitt, Charles Lamb and Leigh Huntto which noble literary fellowship he belongs by right and title of intellectual quality-was born at Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. He lies buried at Warriston, "by the foot of a great Iona cross, which is bowered by a chestnut tree. The cross is thickly carved with laurel, thistle and holly, and it bears upon its front the poet's face, in bronze, and the harp which betokens his art. The inscription gives simply his name and dates: Alexander Smith, Poet and Essayist. Born at Kilmarnock, 31st December, 1829. Died at Wardie, 5th Another case which came under Mrs. | January, 1867. Erected by some of his per-

sonal friends." If the matter could be carefully investigated no doubt much so-called modern "slang" would be found to be merely old phrases reset to more piquant usage. For instance, the recent popular business phrase "something doing" has just been discovered in the casual conversation of Walter Scott's "Master Lowestoffe," in the "Fortunes of Nigel."

"Hark, hark," the Templar said; "what is that?" "The sound was a distant horn, winded

loud and keenly, and followed by a faint and remote huzza." "There is something doing," said Lowestances of the application of her theory | stoffe, "in the Whitefriars at this instant. 'Jump, Jem,' he said, calling out to the at-

> Noah's ark landed in New York this week and discharged its cargo. It now travels under a new name, but the fact that it unloaded sixteen camels, two antelopes, two hyenas, three yaks, two llamas, two tigers, six dromedaries, fourteen polar bears, four leopards, one puma, two giraffes and eight elephants, besides a number of miscellaneous animals, serves to make the disguise a thin one.

Boston has a new charitable institution gible for admission. Or if there is, he will Beechey, \$600. have qualified by the time he gets through reading the name.

That "Buffalo Bill" should seek a divorce from his wife is not particularly remarkable; but that he should charge cruelty possesses an element of humor. The sturdy are open free of charge to the public. hero of a thousand fights has fallen before the "cruelty" of a mere woman!

A New York man has asked the courts to enjoin his wife from betting on the races. Women who play the ponies should avoid trouble of this kind by always allowing their husbands a little pocket money to 39 feet broad, and has a tower 291 feet high. make small bets of their own.

Russia had better keep her eye on Koko-

faith in the affection of a cruel husband be a Jap in disguise. There was a characthat not every wife wishing to loosen her | ter in "The Mikado" by the same namethe "vitch" is a poor disguise-and he was Fantin-Latour, Henner, Harpignies, Lhermitte, an awfully tricky fellow. A New York woman of thirty claims to have discovered the secret of perpetual

> youth, and she has founded a Methusaleh club. Now, if she stays thirty until she's eighty, we will believe her. Meanwhile, we must be patient. A Pullman car porter-colored-bought \$1,000,000 worth of stock in the Ice Trust.

The public will be anxious to learn what

on that trip. Another story of gold discoveries in Brown county follows the tales of finding priceless pearls in the Ohio river. This must be what the poets meant when they

spoke of "the fabulous wealth of Ind."

Bishop Potter, of New York, declares that there is more discontent in the homes of the rich than in the cottages of the poor. He ought to know-he lives in the homes

"Why should there be race suicide," asks a woman writer in a current magazine when children double the joys of married life?" Probably because children also double the bills of married life. When W. R. Hearst becomes President,

Congressman Griggs is to be postmaster general. This will take place as soon as Colombia annexes the United States and Russia whips Japan.

It has been discovered that one of the older apostles of the Mormon Church has been opposed to plural marriages. That's

more anxious than ever to have peace. No wonder: probably somebody has told him that old saying, "Peace hath her victories." The Chicago Journal alludes to an account of a hanging as "a noose item." This is

According to reliable reports, the Czar is

what Weber and Fields would call a choke. William Butler Yeats, the Irish poet, has

gone back to Ireland. The Celts are expected to revive the moment he sets foot on

It is now up to Senator Smoot to prove that plural marriage in Utah is purely a Smithsonian institution at the worst.

It appears that the Mormons quit preaching polygamy in Utah long ago. It no longer seemed necessary.

Russian sharpshooters are called "ochotnikkioumandu." No wonder they can't smoking." shoot straight

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

At Georgetown, Demerara, a Methodist minister saw alarm in the eyes of his congregation. He paused in his sermon to find a large tarantula on the ledge of the pulpit. Nobody dared to move until a courageous deacon crept up be hind the deadly insect and killed it.

begun criminal proceedings against several newspapers of Rome, which, according to the complaint, have spoken with disrespect of the late Pope. Among the writings is a poem by the celebrated burlesque poet, Lorenzo Stecchetti. A San Diego, Cal., woman will exhibit at the

good state of preservation. It is now in cold Herbert G. Dering is one of the most popular of the young men in the diplomatic corps of Washington. He is second secretary of the Brit-

ish embassy. Mr. Dering has taken a lead in

graceful leaders of germans and is a crack tennis and golf player. In Korea they don't make a woman take off her ery best hat in the theater but they do.

posite. "And be sure," added the author of "Principles of Psychology," "that the first poulterer sees you giving your orders to the

second poulterer." The great philosopher had

the true British disrelish for being imposed Robert J. Burdett, jr., son of the well-known humorist and lecturer, is now busily carving out his career in the same path as that trod by his father. For over a year he has been connected with the editorial department of the Burlington (lowa) Hawkeye, where twentyfive years ago or more his father made a name. Emperor William has a very intimate knowledge of Shakspeare's works and recently when witnessing a performance of "Richard II" the actor added to the original text four additional lines. He was called to the Emperor's box and reprimanded and turned away with: "In future such mutilation must be avoided. One does not play tricks with Shakspeare."

The number of suicides in Berlin is alarmingly on the increase. In 1900 the number was 434; in 1901 it was 525; in 1902, 564, and in 1903, 661. Whereas the population in this time has increased only 31/2 per cent., the rate of increase in suicides is 38 per cent. In 1900 there were twenty-three suicides to every 100,000 of population. In 1903 the number was thirty-one.

There is published in Tokio, says the Literary Digest, a sensational daily, widely read by the masses and called the Yorodzu. It asserted recently that the British minister to Japan "an old rascal who has no regard even for married ladies." But the diplomatist in question is a gentleman of the highest character and he lost no time in calling the matter to the attention of the minister of foreign affairs at Tokio. That official was indignant at the libel, and at once sent for the editor of the offending newspaper, who announced in his next issue that "at the request of the minister of foreign affairs we suspend our exposure."

ART AND ART WORKERS.

At Sotheby's, in Lendon, recently a collector

gave \$1,260 for sixty-one volumes of "Beauties of England and Wales," extensively illustrated with four thousand colored and other plates, the plates being loosely inserted. The Albany Institute and Historical and Art Society is making the worthy endeavor to form

a collection of the portraits of the past mayors of the city, dating back to the Pieter Schuyler who was appointed by Governor Thomas Dongan At a recent sale at Christie's in London some

called "The Maryanna Home for Weary Lady," by Hoppner, \$550; "Mrs. Wilson," by Mothers and Their Offspring." According Romney, \$1,100; "Head of a Young Girl," by to that title, there is nobody on earth ineli- Romney, \$1,400, and "The Infant Bacchus," by The Beni Hasan excavations committee has of-

fered to a number of museums a set of ancient

Miss Mary S. Walker, of Waltham, having bequeathed a large sum of money for a Protestant Episcopal cathedral to be built in Boston, it has been suggested that the old St. Botolph's Church, in Boston, England, be used as the model from which designs for the cathedral might be taken. St. Botolph's was built in 1309, is 291 feet long,

The twenty-seventh loan exhibition of the Art Association of Montreal, which has just ended in the Montreal Art Gallery, was most successvitch, the minister of finance, for he may ful. Its high character can be judged from the artists represented. The list included Diaz. Corot, Troyon, Courbet, Daubigny, Constant, Roybet, Monticelli, Mesdag, Mauve, Israels, Weissenbruch, Neuhuys, Maris, Boudin and

An offer to present the Fairmount Park Commission, of Philadelphia, with a bronze statue of "The Puritan," by Augustus St. Gaudens, by the New England Society of Pennsylvania was made to the Park Commission at the monthly meeting of that body held recently. The offer was transmitted in a communication received from President Theodore Frothingham, of the New England society. The matter was referred to the committee on superintendence for considhe did with the rest of the money he made | eration and report.

JOURNAL ENTRIES.

Hold Back the Mormons. Let Congress decide-or the Nation will rue it-The big gift of Freedom should have a string

The Trade Mark. Tommy-Pa, what is a ninny? Pa-A ninny, Tommy, is a girl who wears a trail dress at her business job,

The Solace of Years. Obadiah-Well, age has its consolations. Jeremiah-That's what; our eyes get so had w can't see our crow's-feet.

In Boston.

Visitor-You are a violin teacher, I believe. Professor Skreeker (indignantly)-No, madame; I am a teacher of the violin.

Something Else. "That collapsing New York skyscraper was not a skyscraper.' "No, it was a ground-hitter."

Every Little Helps. Grace-Oh, George, my new Easter suit will

George-Well, here's 60 cents towards it A Discreet Urchin. Grandpa-Come, now, Bobby, and grandpa'll show you how to tie a hard knot.

Bobby-No, thank you, gran'pa; I know how

to do too many things already. Not to Be Interrupted.

Mrs. Professor-Mr. Hobson says he wants to spend an evening with us. Professor-Well, tell him to bring a book along and come over almost any night.

Good Business for Idle Minds. Jenkins-What do you think of this "New Thought' theory?

Thompson-It is excellent occupation for peo ple who wouldn't be doing anything else. Lenten Tactics.

"Suppose Mr. Surplice should reprove you fo playing bridge-whist in Lent?" "I'd offer him a cigar." "I don't see the connection."

"I heard him say he simply could not give up

Have Become Public.

The guessing that is going on relative to the

Northern Securities decision emphasizes the fact

SUPREME COURT SECRETS. Usually Well Kept, but Sometimes

that the secrets of the United States Supreme Court are usually well kept. A lot of rumors have been put into circulation regarding the Cardinal Syampa, archbishop of Bologna, has | forthcoming opinion, but none is based on absolute and definite information from the judges. There have been few cases in the history of the Republic where decisions of this court have leaked out prior to their announcement from the bench. Probably the most famous instance of this kind was the Dred Scott decision. It is a matter of history that Chief Justice Taney gave world's fair butter made in 1858. The butter it disappeared in the quicksand. It was recently what the decision in this case would be. At any danger that had been upon it.-Brooklyn Eagle. recovered and was found to be in a remarkably rate, the President used the information in his inaugural address, to the great astonishment of the members of the Supreme Court. Another in as the quicksilver mining case. Another rather famous case of the same kind was a suit in volving the Pacific Railroad Company in which Washington social affairs, is one of the most Jay Gould was interested. As all the parties saying that the secret was revealed by the wife presumed on the about the offices of the correspondents here, ask- his hands and an agriculturist with his mouth." I him a tough fowl. Mr. Spencer instructed his was published and a certain sager made a bar- i ist in the South-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

gain for the information, publishing the news a day or so before the opinion was rendered in the court. But instances of this kind are rare, indeed. The employes of the court are trusted and tried officials and it is useless to look to them for confidential tips. The number of persons who handle a decision before it is announced in court has been cut down to a few attaches who may be counted on not to betray their trust.-Washington Letter in Brooklyn Eagle.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD.

A Surplus of Whites.

When George H. Daniels, of the New York Central Railroad, was in Greensborough, N. C., a few months ago, he became engaged in a disadvancement of the Southern States and the marked progress made in agricultural development and in every branch of mechanical industry within the past few years.

"All you want in this part of North Carolina," said Mr. Daniels, "is to induce thrifty white families from the North to come and settle "Not much," said the old North Carolinan.

That would never do. Why, sir, we have support."-New York Times.

Couldn't Replace the Mules.

Senator Depew, in his speech on the navy appropriation bill, in advocating the policy of increasing the number of fighting ships, declared that we could raise an emergency army in a month, but it took five years to build a navy. In illustration of this he related the following

"I remember being in the executive mansion at one time in Mr. Lincoln's office, when a telegram was handed to him which gave the information that a brigadier general, through foolishness of an extreme sort, had been captured down in Virginia. In his command was a long train of pack mules and wagons.

"Mr. Lincoln read the dispatch and then took up his pen and said: 'With that pen I can make a brigadier general in a minute, but cannot replace those mules." "-New York Times.

Agreed With the Judge.

A writer in Law Notes retails some memories of the Irish bar, and gives impressions of several barristers, including the late John MacMahon. MacMahon's style was painfully heavy, his ut terance a little thick, and he was entirely devoid of humor. His hearing at times was not of the best, and for that reason he thought it was the best policy to agree with any remark of the pictures sold as follows: "Portmait of a that might be made by the judge before whom pen to hear what had been said. On one occasion he was appearing before a master of the rolls, who thought that MacMahon was arguing rather Egyptian pottery, typical work of the Eleventh law, Mr. MacMahon," said the master of the dynasty, dating about 2300 B. C. The gifts are rolls testily, "Quite so, my lord," said counsel allotted to public museums, by which is under- airly, proceeding with his argument oblivious stood museums of towns and institutions which to and regardless of what the judge had said .-New York Tribune.

Senator Hanna's "Church."

It was in the office of the Auditorium at Chicago, after he had returned from a wearisome meeting of the civic federation, that I sat down for a smoke and talk in an obscure corner with Mr. Hanna. Presently a Salvation Army lass came along, rattling her tambourine for quarters, or pence, as the case might be. The senator glanced up and saw who she was, then placed a contribution in the tambourine that made mine look like thirty cents. Pretty soon she came back.

"Why, sir, did you know that this was a \$10

"Yes." he said. "I knew it. You belong to my church.

Then she looked a little closer. "Why, it is Senator Hanna!" she cried, and that explained it all. Nothing more was necessary, for if the Salvation Army ever had a true friend, it had one in Senator Hanna. During the visit of General Booth to this country it was the senator who gave the famous dinner at the Arlington, where the great leader of the Salvation Army related such incidents that he drew tears from the eyes of the guests. It was Mark Hanna who had this great leader offer a prayer and benediction in the Senate that sent a thrill through all who heard-a distinguished

National Magazine.

Not Fit to Mention. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee sat in the smoking room of the Waldorf. "In that statement," he said, referring to a political article in a newspaper, "there is just about as much truth as there is in the old

the land of Nod.' "Tell me the colored preacher's story," the interviewer murmured. General Lee laughed.

colored preacher's story of Cain's marriage in

ing away in his colored church when a white man rose up in the back of the building.

"'Mr. Preacher,' said the white man. "'Sir to you,' said the parson. "'Mr. Preacher, you are talking about Cain and you say he got married in the land of Nod after he killed Abel. But the Bible only mentions Adam and Eve and Cain as being on the

marry? Did he marry his mother?" "The colored preacher snorted. "'Huh!" he said. 'Huh! You heah dat breddren and sisters? You heah dat fool ques tion I am axed? Cain, he went to de land of Nod, just as de good book tells us, and in de land o' Nod Cain gits so lazy an' so shif'less 'count pore white trash famblies dat de inspired apostle didn't consider fitting to mention

in de holy world." -Buffalo Enquirer.

Land of Easy Credit. To the Dick Swivellers of this or any other generation Japan is the land of the blest. For credit abounds there and cash is never demanded. In shops, hotels, everywhere, there are provided paper tablets with tear-off leaves and a pencil. Instead of paying over money the customer is asked only for a chit-the amount of his purchase and signature. On offering to pay a barber for a shave the answer is: "We can't and wait till the end of the month." For the same simple chit lodgings, meals, drinks, clothes. etc., may be obtained. Only the railways demand cash, and among the Europeans in Yokohama only tourists carry money. Every one else makes his way with chits. Two years are generally allowed for the fulfillment of these promises to pay, and three years are the limit. But some keep on chitting for ten years, though the custom is to pay monthly or yearly. Despite the manifold temptations thus afforded, the number of chits dishonored is relatively small.-London Daily Chronicle.

Eog Saves Whole Family.

A fox terrier named Beauty is credited to-day by George Bourtinenon, a barber, who lives with his wife and three daughters at 115 North Fourth street, with having saved them all from asphyxiation. When the Bourtinenon family retired. last evening, the gas was left burning in the kitchen, the jet turned very low. During the night, the pressure having been reduced, the light went out. A little later the gas was passing through the pipes again and filling the Bourtinepon flat from the open cock in the kitchen. Beauty, who was awake and prowling about the place, had his suspicions aroused by the increasing odor. He ran to his master's bedside and awakened him. The matter was speedily was placed in a spring house in that year and to President Buchanan a confidential tip as to rectified, and the family then realized the hidden

Notes from Abroad.

St. Petersburg dramatic notes: " 'The Geisha' has been withdrawn in the middle of a most successful run. The dates for 'The Darling of the Gods' have been canceled." Tokio dramatic note:

Mansfield will soon be seen here in 'Ivan the Tokio fashion note: "The Russian blouse, so fashionable last year,

"There is no truth in the rumor that Richard

will absolutely not be shown this spring." St. Petersburg fashion note: "The Mother Hubbard will displace the kimono

for negligee wear."-New York Globe,

South's Leading Agriculturist. Senator Tillman says "a farmer works with

VIEWS OF JOURNAL READERS.

Parents and the School Teacher.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

Of course the general shortcomings of parents is an accepted fact, and the concensus of opinion among respected old bachelor-uncles and thoughtful spinster-aunts is that the government should provide a college for the special instruction of those venturesome couples who assume the responsibility of populating the country with future presidents and their wives -at which attendance should be obligatory. If marriage is a failure, paternity and maternity is by far a more distressing one. It is time that parents should realize the importance of girding a child for the battle of life first of all cussion with a North Carolinan about the rapid | with mastery over himself. One looks about and discovers few young parents who have the common sense to demand respect and obedience from their children, then glances over the aged couples who grieve for the wicked sons who are merely following the path of indulgence into which the good mother first led them, and wonders at the unreasoning blindness of par-

But the special grievance of this letter is the failure of parents to hold up the hands of the more white men here now than the negroes can | public school teacher; assuming, of course, that the latter is of sufficient wisdom. To bring up a child is a vast undertaking, and parents cannot be too grateful for assistance. The child's character is formed in the schoolroom, where he first enters upon the arena of life and mingles with his fellows. The three Rs are of small import as against habits of character. The teacher sees him among forty other children, and soon learns his "tricks and his manners;" indeed, one who deals with forty various juvonile natures each year may claim a veteran understanding of their ways. What is the knowledge of one sadly prepossessed mother in comparison? Yet it is the complaint of teachers that they are handicapped in their great work of regeneration by doting parents! How is it that human parents, looking into their own hearts, have such an impenetrable faith in the perfection of their unformed progeny?

Yet so it is in too many cases. Teachers declare their inability to do their duty by certain children, solely on account of being defeated by their parents. If an unruly boy be sent home with a note, his mother may take him to the matinee and feed him with caramels. If a child is found to be untruthful, and the teacher takes the trouble to have a serious talk with his mother, in the hope of correcting the evil, the mother refuses to credit such an enormity and even ceases to recognize the teacher. One mother even takes her spolled boy out of school, rather than yield a point in discipline, and so he goes handicapped through life, believing, too, that it is due to the malice of his teacher. Small wonder it is that the "only child" is a dreaded object as he progresses through the ward schools from sorely harassed

Parents should never listen to childish tales which are inimical to the authority of the teacher. Every time this is done two evils result-the influence of the teacher over that child is seriously lessened, and he is directly encouraged to falsehood. For when he sees that his adventures are relished, he will become a very Faistaff in fabricating scenes in which he was victor and his teacher vanquished. When parents realize their indebtedness to the conscientious public school teacher, and learn to co-operate with her, so that the guidance at home and that at school do not conflict, then may they hope to lean upon strong staff in their old age.

AN INTERESTED OBSERVER. Indianapolis, March 9.

Improve Your Backyards. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: Now that seed-planting time is upon us, why

does not every householder in Indianapolis start a little "city beautiful" movement of his own? A half hour's work each day will in a short time make every front yard trim and every backyard neat and orderly-even beautiful. This work is not severely taxing on the strength or the time. It is easily accomplished by short stints. The tools and materials for effective gardening are not expensive; the hard labor of preparation is cheaply hired. Beautiful Indianapolis is going to be the evolution of the individual work of the nouseholders as well as the architects. There is so much parking space on most of our streets that the lapses of only a few will mar the general effect. The neatness of the yards consciencircle of senators, diplomats and statesmen .tiously tended will be, of course, distinctly pleasing to those who live at such points. But they will fall of their full effect if jostled by the unkempt yards of the indifferent. This is a case where, as far as the city's aspect is concerned, the effect of the whole is not that of the best kept places, but of the average of all. It is up to us-now is the time to begin. W. W. M.

Indianapolis, March 10.

Our Lax City Government. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: I am glad to notice that the Indianapolis Journal has taken the step it has in regard to an evil that exists in spite of all the threats the mayor made in his speeches in the last campaign in regard to the winercom evil and all such places where young girls are induced to spend not only evenings but whole nights in drinking and carousing. The mayor might have closed the winercoms, but if he will notice last Sunday's Journal he will find that a worse evil exists every Saturday night and far into Sunearth at that time. Whom, then, did Cain day morning right under the nose of the police station, and I believe the police are well aware of these Saturday night dances at Germania Hall. I, for one, would like to see every newspener in the city take up this matter, let the public know what is going on and see if the mayor and police do not think that this is a violation of the Nicholson law, as well as the winercom evil. Let the Journal keep up this

tirely in the city. A TAXPAYER. A Timely Recipe.

good work until such evils are wiped out en-

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: I have been a frequent sufferer from a bronchial cough, but have recently discovered a remedy which has proved very effective. A publication of the recipe may be timely now. Boil ne ounce of hoarhound leaves in about a quart of water for half an hour. Strain and dissolve in the liquid about two-thirds of an ordinary stick of licorice. When dissolved, add enough granulated sugar to make a tolerably thick syrup. Boil again for five minutes and then bottle for use. Dose, one tablespoonful three or four times a day for an adult; less in proportion for children. By further boiling this mixture may be made into candy, which form some prefer, and which is just as effective. M. L. G.

The Latest in Imposition.

Indianapolis, March 10.

"I saw a new one in the policeman charity line to-day," said a policeman on South Broad street. "A pushcart fellow who had been trying o sell apples hereabouts and hadn't been suffering from a rush of business was pushing his cart along when he saw two well-dressed women coming toward him down Walnut street. Quick as a wink he upset his cart and began to cry. "Of course, the women stopped and the I-talian began to sing a song of woe about how poor he was, how he had a raft of children and how he'd put all his fortune in those apples. "Well, the women each gave him a dollar bill,

the apples, wiped them off and went on his way trying to sell them."-Philadelphia Press. Chief Butler of Ireland.

and as soon as they were gone he gathered up

Lord Ormondet, the owner of the castle, is the present-day representative of the Butlers, who have for many centuries held the office of hereditary chief butler of Ireland. Hence the surname of Butler, and their coat of arms, with the three covered cups, which represent the three gold cups retained as perquisites from the coronations of three different kings. The chief butler had the right to keep the cup out of which the king drank at the time of his coronation. Another quaint privilege was that of retaining one in every ten barrels of wine imported into Ireland.-London Express.

Size of Manchuria.

Manchuria corresponds in latitude to Manitoba, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska. Its area of 362,310 square miles is only 10,002 square miles less than the combined area of these great grain States. It is two and one-half times greater than California, and is as big as Texas, Alabams and Louisiana combined. In the northern part of the province are thousands of square miles of rich wheat land entirely untouched. Manchuria has a posfact that he was an old customer by sending ing \$500 for it. The fact that he had it for sale If that is true. Tillman is the leading agricultur- still wheat area as great as that of the United States -National Geographic Magazine.